

A veteran looks over the name of fallen comrades Saturday at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. This week marks the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the memorial.

He isn't the only Vietnam veteran who has changed his mind about the once-controversial memorial that will mark its 10th anniversary on Wednesday.

"When they first started talking about creating the wall, and when all we heard of the concept was the fact that it was black, we thought from the beginning that it would not be appropriate," said Bob Bambury, director of the South Florida Veterans Multipurpose Center in Fort Lauderdale.

"But the day of the dedication, I think that changed for those who were there," said Bambury, who served in the Mekong Delta with the Navy's Military Advisory Group.

The memorial, which stands on the National Mall, is now the most visited monument in Washington. In its 10-year life span, 30 million people have come to stand before it and reflect on the 14 years of war that it symbolizes.

The memorial has become so popular, in fact, that there are at least six copies of it regularly exhibited at events around the country.

But right from the start, there was a controversy concerning whose names would be on the memorial.

The Defense Department,

partly to mask the terrible human cost of the war, initially did not count many Vietnam war dead as "killed in action." By its reckoning, if a soldier was wounded in Vietnam but later died while undergoing treatment in a hospital in Japan or the United States, he was not a war casualty. Many parents, families and friends fought long and hard to get their loved ones' names on the wall, and not all were successful at first.

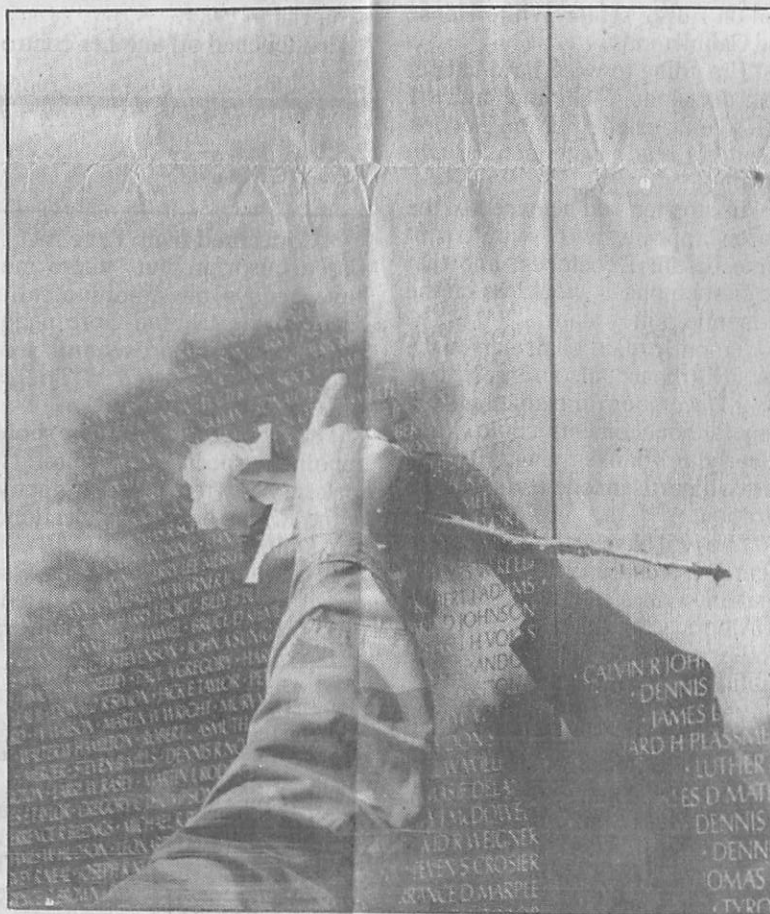
But the design of the memorial was easily the most explosive aspect of the controversy.

"It was called 'a great, black dash of shame,' and many veterans were concerned that the shape of it was more like a peace symbol rather than something honoring those individuals who died," said Paul Egan, executive director of Vietnam Veterans of America.

The 492-foot, chevron-shaped wall is of highly polished black granite. It consists of 140 tablets inscribed with the names of 58,175 men and eight women who died in the war.

There was also a controversy surrounding the winner of the design competition: Yale architect

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AP Photo

An unidentified Vietnam veteran holds a rose while pointing to a name Sunday on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

he takes power, Clinton tried to dampen expectations of swift action on filling senior White House and Cabinet jobs.

"I'm going to work hard but not rush decisions," Clinton said. "I was so exhausted after the election I couldn't read very much for two days."

Christopher said he expected the major appointments would not come before December, and that the first emphasis would be on the economic-policy team.

Vernon Jordan, chairman of the transition board, also suggested an early December timetable but said some announcements could come as early as Thanksgiving. He hinted at a bipartisan tone in the administration.

"We will have a diverse government," Jordan said. "This government will reflect the best talents in America, and that diversity includes everybody, including Republicans."

Jordan said he did not exclude the possibility of seeking foreign policy advice from James A. Baker III, who was the architect of Middle East peace talks before quitting as secretary of state to run Bush's campaign.

Jordan and Christopher made the rounds of television talk shows offering a general blueprint of Clinton's plans.

One of Clinton's first moves in the next few weeks will be to sum-

more traditional 7-foot bronze statue of three heroic servicemen and a flagpole were added to the memorial in 1984.

That touched off another contro-

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was a misprint, but "there must have been some communication between the Clinton-Gore people and the special prosecutor's office," Dole insisted. "There's something wrong there."

The Justice Department should appoint a special prosecutor "to look into Lawrence Walsh's activity the Friday before the election," said Dole.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday, Walsh denied the Oct. 30 indictment was

## Air Quality

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"But when it was dedicated, when people could see it and touch it and feel the names in three dimensions, the controversy end-

politically motivated. He said the only advance notice of it went to an interagency group of intelligence experts working for the Bush administration who always review Iran-Contra indictments before grand juries hand them up.

Walsh said Brosnahan's campaign contribution came months ago, before he was hired to prosecute Weinberger, and that it was irrelevant.

Walsh is a Republican and was deputy attorney general in the Eisenhower administration.

As for Iran-Contra pardons, Senate Republican Whip Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., said: "I'd be very careful of that."

"I'm not saying that pardons

try will read the names." "That's the first time that's ever been done at The Wall," Burns said.

would be a mistake," Simpson said on NBC's "Meet the Press." But "I think he ought to be very, very careful."

Vernon Jordan, chairman of President-elect Clinton's transition team, declined to give an opinion on a possible pardon for Weinberger. Bush is still president and a pardon is "a decision he has to make," Jordan said on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley."

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